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MEMORANDUM

June 15, 2023

To: Members, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs

From: Committee Staff

Re: Subcommittee hearing titled “Clearing the Air: Examining the Environmental Protection Agency’s Proposed Emissions Standards”

On Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 10:00 AM ET, in room 2247 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs will host a hearing titled “Clearing the Air: Examining the Environmental Protection Agency’s Proposed Emissions Standards.”

I. BACKGROUND:

On April 12, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a pair of tailpipe emissions rules which, if enacted, would impose strict mandates on vehicle makers’ total fleet emissions. EPA estimates the rules could force 67 percent of auto sales to be electric vehicles by 2032. On May 23, 2023, the EPA published another proposed rule which aims to heavily curb emissions for new and existing fossil fuel-fired power plants.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine the EPA’s proposed emissions standards, challenges of a rapid electric vehicle transition, including costs to consumers and manufacturers, added grid strain in conjunction with the proposed power plants rule, availability of critical minerals and raw materials, and other matters raised by the proposed standards.

III. WITNESSES:

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